

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 1153

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE KING.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 197.258, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to hospice survey requirements.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 197.258, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 197.258, to read as follows:

197.258. 1. In addition to any survey pursuant to sections 197.250 to 197.280, the department may make such surveys as it deems necessary during normal business hours. The department shall survey every hospice not less than [once annually] **every three years**. The hospice shall permit the department's representatives to enter upon any of its business premises during normal business hours for the purpose of a survey.

2. As a part of its survey of a hospice, the department may visit the home of any client of such hospice with such client's consent.

3. In lieu of any survey required by sections 197.250 to 197.280, the department may accept in whole or in part the survey of any state or federal agency, or of any professional accrediting agency, if such survey:

(1) Is comparable in scope and method to the department's surveys; and

(2) Is conducted within one year of initial application for or renewal of the hospice's certificate.

4. The department shall not be required to survey any hospice providing service to Missouri residents through an office located in a state bordering Missouri if such bordering state has a reciprocal agreement with Missouri on hospice certification and the area served in Missouri by the agency is contiguous to the area served in the bordering state.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 5. Any hospice which has its parent office in a state which does not have a reciprocal
19 agreement with Missouri on hospice certification shall maintain a branch office in Missouri.
20 Such branch office shall maintain all records required by the department for survey and shall be
21 certificated as a hospice.

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